

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OSLO 04537 161753Z

62

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DHA-02 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 SAJ-01 /062 W

----- 002294

R 161550Z OCT 75

FM AMEMBASSY OSLO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0583

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 4537

E.O.11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR,SP,NO,NATO

SUBJ: NORWEGIANS DELIVER MESSAGE TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT,REPLY
TO STORTING ON EXECUTIONS

REFS: (A) OSLO 4451

(B) OSLO 4379

(C) OSLO 4311

1. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO MADRID THORE BOYE IS EXPECTED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OSLO 04537 161753Z

TO MEET WITH SPANISH FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OCT 16

TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING RECENT EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN(REFTEL A). SPANISH AUTHORITIES SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE BOYE, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED AFTER RECALL TO OSLO. MESSAGE WILL OUTLINE NORWEGIAN REACTION TO EXECUTIONS,THEIR HOPES THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE OF THEM, AS WELL AS THEIR DESIRE TO SEE PROCESS OF "NORMALIZING" SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE, INCLUDING NORWAY, BE RESUMED.

2. MEANWHILE,FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND TOLD STORTING OCT 15 THAT WHILE NORWAY OPPOSED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN SPAIN,REACTION IN SPANISH CASE WAS SO STRONG BECAUSE IT WAS SEEN AS A SETBACK TO THE EFFORTS AND HOPES FOR GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION AND DEMOCRATIZATION IN SPAIN. FRYDENLUND HAD BEEN ASKED IN STORTING WHY GOVERNMENT'S REACTION ON SPANISH CASE WAS SO STRONG WHEN THERE WERE CONTINUOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN COMMUNIST AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. ACCORDING FONMIN DIRECTOR-GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS KJELD VIBE, NORWAY'S MESSAGE TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT WILL DESCRIBE STRONG REACTION IN NORWAY TO EXECUTIONS, NOTING SIMILAR REACTION THROUGHOUT WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND IN PARTICULAR HOLY SEE. IT WILL POINT OUT THAT,IN PART, REACTION STEMS FROM GENERAL NEGATIVE ATTITUDE IN EUROPE TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. BOYE IS,HOWEVER,INSTRUCTED TO POINT OUT AS WELL THAT SPAIN'S RECENT EFFORTS TO DRAW CLOSER TO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THROUGH EEC,EFTA AND BILATERAL MEASURES, WERE LOOKED UPON WITH UNDERSTANDING,ALBEIT, CAUTION, BY NORWEGIANS BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT SUCH MEASURES WOULD LEAD TO LIBERALIZATION IN SPAIN. HE IS ALSO TO RECALL FRYDENLUND'S "NOT UNFAVORABLE" RESPONSE TO THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST TO HIM AT HELSINKI CSCE CONFERENCE FOR A GRADUAL "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES, AND TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT EXECUTIONS HAVE SET BACK AND ANY NEW HARSH MEASURES OF REPRESSION AGAINST POLITICAL OPPOSITION WOULD MAKE IT CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 OSLO 04537 161753Z

VERY HARD TO CONSIDER ANY SUCH EVOLUTION IN RELATIONS. BOYE IS TO EXPRESS HOPE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS THAT FURTHER REPRESSIVE MEASURES AND PARTICULARLY EXECUTIONS WILL CEASE.

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM VIBE THAT DEMARCHE IN MADRID FOLLOWS CLOSELY THE LINES OF PRESENTATION

WHICH HE MADE IN MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
LAST WEEK. VIBE ALSO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY IN MEETING
WITH ME TO UNDERSCORE SERIOUSNESS OF NORWEGIAN APPRE-
HENSION OVER IMPLICATIONS OF FURTHER EXECUTIONS FOR
FUTURE EVOLUTION IN SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH WESTERN
EUROPE. HE EXPRESSED DIPLOMATICALLY BUT CLEARLY
HIS CONCERN THAT US MAY NOT FULLY APPRECIATE THE
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF FURTHER EXECUTIONS,
AND HIS HOPE THAT WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE TO
MODERATE MADRID'S BEHAVIOR. AT SAME TIME, HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF WESTERN EUROPEAN
REACTION HAD BEEN TO STRENGTHEN FRANCO'S POSITION.
FOREIGN MINISTRY EVIDENTLY RECOGNIZED THAT INITIAL
FLIGHT OF EMOTION MUST BE TEMPERED BY A MORE PRACTICAL
APPROACH TO DEALING WITH SPAIN, AND THAT SPANISH
DESIRE FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH WESTERN
EUROPE WILL STILL PROVIDE IMPETUS FOR RENEWED PROCESS
OF LIBERALIZATION. BOYE'S MESSAGE IS INTENDED TO
PLAY UPON THESE SENTIMENTS.
BUCHANAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, EXECUTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975OSLO04537
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750360-0083
From: OSLO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751047/aaaabpsq.tel
Line Count: 135
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 OSLO 4451
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 APR 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <28 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NORWEGIANS DELIVER MESSAGE TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT, REPLY TO STARTING ON EXECUTIONS
TAGS: PFOR, SP, NO, NATO, (BOYE, THORE)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006